

Mitchell Plans To Make Use Of Wiretapping

WASHINGTON (AP)—John N. Mitchell said today that if confirmed as attorney general he will make use of wiretapping and electronic surveillance in warring against crime.

Mitchell, a New York lawyer who managed President-elect Nixon's campaign, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mitchell's formal nomination will be sent to the Senate by President-elect Nixon sometime after the inauguration Monday.

AFTER THE hearing, Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said the committee unanimously agreed to recommend Mitchell's confirmation.

The Crime Control and Safe Streets Act passed by Congress last year authorizes wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping by law enforcement officers to combat crime, but the Johnson administration has declined to make use of it.

Mitchell said he felt it should be used carefully and effectively under the safeguards provided by Congress in order to cope with organized crime and major crimes.

IN REPLY TO other questions, Mitchell testified that he proposes to carry out the civil rights acts passed by Congress and to serve as a legal, rather than a political adviser to Nixon.

He said that he hoped his activities of a political nature ended with the campaign in which Nixon won election.

At the outset of the hearing Mitchell was endorsed strong-

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ly by two senators at opposite ends of the political spectrum.

SEN. JAMES O. Eastland, D-Miss., the committee chairman, told him "I think you are going to make a very fine attorney general and I'm going to vote for you."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., presenting Mitchell to the committee, called him one of New York's most outstanding lawyers.

"President-elect Nixon really made an outstanding choice," Javits said.